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six percent deduction in taxes that we receive. Now people talk about property taxes and when I came down here, that's the one thing I heard about from my district. They are...they want lower property taxes, and it's a hard message to get across because various candidates for public office keep saying what they're going to do about property taxes and the truth is that property taxes are a local matter. But we do have an opportunity in the Legislature, and we have exercised that opportunity, to help reduce those local property taxes. For example, they're down approximately 4 percent from last year. And the motor vehicle taxes are down approximately 15 percent. And taxes are down, as far as gas taxes, in the amount of about 2 cents a gallon, which is about a 10 percent reduction. We don't talk about these things. The property tax that I mentioned amounts to about \$160 million of real dollar reduction, and we need to advise our public that this is what's happening. We have set in motion a number of matters, lids upon the local areas. We have tried to give the encouragement by incentive to the various local governments. We have taken over and tried to take over some of the responsibilities that the local government is paying that are really state responsibilities. These things amount to real property tax relief to the public, and this is the best way in which we can use our funds. I would urge you to reject the Maurstad amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The question's been called. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. The question before you is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, Madam President. I'd request a call of the house.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: There's been a request for a call of the house. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.